ORDERED also that the resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

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(B.K. BAL)
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JOINT SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

To
The Manager,
Government Printing Press,
Faridabad.

Import Duty on Sugar

129. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to raise the import duty on sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reason for increase in import duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) Import duty on import of sugar was last revised on 9.2.2000 from 40% to 60% alongwith the continuance of countervailing duty of Rs. 850/- per tonne. While increasing the import duty to 60% Government also decided to monitor the international prices of sugar so as to adjust the duty upward or downward as may be case. Accordingly, Government is keeping a close watch on the international prices of sugar. At present, there is no proposal before the Government to further raise the import duty on imports of sugar.